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From: Latimer, Becky
Sent: Friday, June 7, 2019 1:13 PM
To:
Subject: Docket number 2018-358-WS

Dear Barbara and Richard Hilyard,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your Letter of Protest/Comments to the Public Service Commission of South Carolina. Your Letter of Protest/Comments will be placed in the Protest File of the Docket listed below and on the Commission's Website at www.psc.sc.gov.

- [Docket No. 2018-358-WS](#) - Verified Application of Carolina Water Service, Incorporated for Approval of Annual Rate Adjustment Mechanisms and Petition for an Accounting Order to Defer Expenses

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If we may be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,
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**Letter of Protest
in Docket 2018-358__ - WS**

Protestant Information:

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State*SC

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E-mail

1. What is your connection or interest in this case? * For example, are you a customer of the Company that is the subject of this pending proceeding? (This section must be completed. Attach additional information if necessary.)

I am a customer of the company that is the subject of this pending proceeding.

2. Please give a concise statement of your protest. * (This section must be completed. Attach additional information if necessary.)

Blue Granite Water Company is proposing a significant rate increase in addition to asking for a new Annual Rate Adjustment Mechanism (ARAM). This is outrageous based on their current charges and horrible service. The ARAM is ridiculous in this environment and has far-reaching effects. We are opposed to the proposed rate increase (21.5% above the current rate, which is already extremely excessive) and are definitely opposed to any rate adjustment. We also understand that Blue Granite plans to apply for another rate increase later this year. It is a travesty when your monthly water bill exceeds your monthly electric bill. We are an elderly family of 2 and do not use a lot of water. We do not have an irrigation system. We do not wash our cars. We rarely use our dishwasher. And yet, our water bill is over \$100 per month! We are already under water restrictions which have not been explained in terms of the cause of the shortage. Blue Granite Water Company is either terribly mismanaged or they are bilking their customers. Enough is enough!

3. Do you wish to make an appearance at a hearing in this proceeding, if scheduled, and offer sworn testimony? * No